

REMARKS

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated April 28, 2004. Entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein and reconsideration of the claimed subject matter pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116 is respectfully requested.

Without prejudice to future prosecution, claim 32 has been cancelled above in order to expedite allowance. All previously withdrawn claims have now been cancelled as well. In addition, claim 34 has been amended to delete the word “pharmaceutical,” as suggested in the Advisory Action. No prohibited new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

This reply is fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated April 28, 2004. All remaining rejections are moot in view of the amendment to the claims presented above. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is next in order and is respectfully requested.

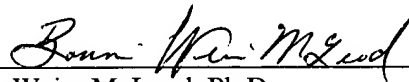
Except for issue fees payable under 37 CFR §1.18, the commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the pendency of this application including fees due under 37 CFR §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3).

If the Examiner has any further questions relating to this Reply or to the application in general, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone so that allowance of the present application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,
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